

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-15 (Cancelled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A package for containing a plurality of products for heating, comprising:

a container, manufactured from a material for once-only use, provided with at least two compartments shielded from the environment wherein the compartments are separated from each other such that a medium cannot flow therebetween, and

the individual compartments are provided with openable passage openings through which a medium can flow when the passage openings are in an open position for reducing overpressure in the package, wherein the passage openings of the individual compartments differ from each other such that overpressure in individual compartments is maximized at different pressure levels,

wherein the separate passage openings comprise pressure valves acting at different pressure levels.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The package as claimed in claim 16, wherein the compartments are shielded from the environment by a material layer which forms a cover.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The package as claimed in claim 16, wherein the passage openings are blocked prior to use of the package, and open under the influence of pressure in the compartments.

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Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The package as claimed in claim 16, wherein the passage openings are blocked prior to use of the package, and independently open under the influence of a determined temperature being exceeded.

Claim 20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The package as claimed in claim 16, wherein the individual compartments have passage openings with a total passage surface varying per compartment.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The package as claimed in claim 16, wherein the passage openings are blocked prior to use of the package by means of a cover element fixed with an adhesive layer, wherein the adhesive layer softens at a determined temperature.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The package as claimed in claim 22, wherein a single cover element covers a plurality of passage openings and weakened portions are arranged in the cover element at the position of the passage openings.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The package as claimed in claim 17, wherein the passage openings are arranged in the material layer with which the compartments are shielded from the environment.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The package as claimed in claim 16, wherein the passage openings are arranged in the container.

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Claim 26 (Previously Presented): An assembly comprising the package as claimed in claim 16 and a plurality of food products placed in the individual compartments.

Claims 27-30 (Cancelled).